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#### Miller, Steve

From:.

Kanter, Erik

Sent:

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 2:18 PM

To: Subject:

Attachments:

Miller, Steve Rep. Kapenga Resolution Rep. Kapenga Resolution.docx

Hi Steve,

It's in the attachment.

#### Erik Kanter

Legislative Assistant Office of State Representative Chris Kapenga 99th Assembly District 220 North, State Capitol 608-266-7274

Whereas, the past two presidential administrations have allowed an unprecedented amount of federal debt to accumulate, which currently exceeds \$17 trillion; and

Whereas, a December 2010 report by the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility issued a warning on the debt levels in stating that "If the U.S. does not put its house in order, the reckoning will be sure and the devastation severe."; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not require the federal government to operate under a balanced budget; and

Whereas, members of both political parties and both houses of Congress have called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States to no avail; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes the legislatures of the states to submit applications to Congress to call a Convention for proposing Amendments; and

Whereas, 49 states require a balanced budget; and

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin supports a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Wisconsin State Assembly (the Senate concurring),

Section 1. That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin herewith respectfully applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a Convention for proposing Amendments.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of the state of Wisconsin be, and is hereby, directed to forward a proper authenticated copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the United States, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Section 3. That this resolution constitutes a continuing application for a Convention for proposing Amendments in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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From:

Miller, Steve

Sent:

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 9:21 AM

To: Subject: Hanaman, Cathlene Fwd: LRB-2966/1

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kanter, Erik" < Erik.Kanter@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: August 27, 2013, 9:08:28 AM CDT

To: "Miller, Steve" < Steve.Miller@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: LRB-2966/1

Hi Steve,

Representative Kapenga really like that draft of LRB-2966/1 you sent us last week. However, if you could make one small change and get us a new draft by early afternoon today, he'd really appreciate it. The only change would be in line 1 where it says, "Relating to: application to Congress for a constitutional convention." The Representative would like it changed to: "Relating to: application to Congress for a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment."

Thank you so much, Steve!

#### Erik Kanter

Legislative Assistant Office of State Representative Chris Kapenga 99th Assembly District 220 North, State Capitol 608-266-7274



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# 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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#### Miller, Steve

From:

Kanter, Erik

Sent:

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 12:14 PM

To: Subject: Miller, Steve

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LRB-2966/2

Hi Steve,

Representative Kapenga is wanting one more small addition to the LRB-2966/2 draft. Line three currently says, "Whereas, the past two presidential administrations..." The Representative would like it to say, "Whereas, the past two presidential administrations and Congress..."

Thank you very much, Steve.

#### Erik Kanter

Legislative Assistant
Office of State Representative Chris Kapenga
99th Assembly District
220 North, State Capitol
608-266-7274



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# 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1	Relating to: application to Congress for a convention for proposing a balanced
2	budget amendment. (and Congress)
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**Resolved, That** this resolution constitutes a continuing application for a convention for proposing amendments in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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#### Miller, Steve

From:

Kanter, Erik

Sent:

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 11:58 AM

To:

Miller, Steve

Subject:

Small Change to LRB-2966

Hi Steve,

Representative Kapenga is wondering if you could add a bit in line 10 of page 2. After it says, "...convention for proposing amendments", he would then like it to say, "This application is for the limited purpose of requiring the federal government to operate under a balanced budget."

So he would like that resolved section to look like this:

"Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin herewith respectfully applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments. This application is for the limited purpose of requiring the federal government to operate under a balanced budget; and be it further"

If you could get that to me sometime this afternoon, that would be really great. Thanks, Steve.

#### Erik Kanter

Legislative Assistant Office of State Representative Chris Kapenga 99th Assembly District 220 North, State Capitol 608-266-7274



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# 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Resolved, That** this resolution constitutes a continuing application for a convention for proposing amendments in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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#### Miller, Steve

From:

Koenen, Kyle

Sent:

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 11:19 AM

To:

Miller, Steve

Subject:

Submitted: LRB -2966/4 Topic: Convention for balanced budget amendment?body=

There were a few minor changes that the Representative wants to make to this resolution. I have listed them below. However, we are under a bit of a time crunch and will be introducing the resolution on Thursday. If we could make the changes in a timely manner that would help us out a lot.

Change P1/L1-2

Relating to: application to Congress under the provision of Article V of the constitution of the United States, for a convention for proposing amendments relating to a balanced budget.

Change P2/L5-6

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin supports the federal government operating under balanced budget; now, therefore, be it

Change P2/L18-19

Constitution of the United States until such a convention is convened on the same subject.

Let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate any expediency on the matter.

Thanks,

Kyle Koenen

Research Assistant
Office of Rep. Chris Kapenga
99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
220 North, State Capitol
(608)266-3007

Please jacket for Rep. Kapenga.

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### 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



# 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: application to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the 1 Constitution of the United States for a convention for proposing amendments 2 relating to a balanced budget. 3 Whereas, the past two presidential administrations and Congress have allowed 4 an unprecedented amount of federal debt to accumulate, which currently exceeds 5 \$17 trillion; and 6 Whereas, a December 2010 report by the President's National Commission on 7 Fiscal Responsibility issued a warning on the debt levels, stating: "If the U.S. does 8 not put its house in order, the reckoning will be sure and the devastation severe"; and 9 Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not require the federal 10 government to operate under a balanced budget; and 11 Whereas, members of both political parties and both houses of Congress have 12 called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States to 13 no avail; and 14



Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes the
legislatures of the states to submit applications to Congress to call a convention for
proposing amendments; and

Whereas, 49 states require a balanced budget; and

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin supports the federal government operating under a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin herewith respectfully applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments, for the limited purpose of requiring the federal government to operate under a balanced budget; and be it further

**Resolved, That** the secretary of state of the State of Wisconsin be, and is hereby, directed to forward a proper authenticated copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the United States, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; and be it further

**Resolved, That** this resolution constitutes a continuing application for a convention for proposing amendments in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until such a convention is convened on the same subject.

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There was one change that may have been lost in translation. On page 2 lines 5-7 it should read

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin supports the federal government operating under a balanced budget; now therefore, be it

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Rush – If we could have it ASAP tomorrow that would be helpful.

Please Jacket LRB -2966/6 for the ASSEMBLY.